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Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1.-12. (Cancelled)

Claim 13. (New) A vehicle information collection system in which vehicle information collected by a unit mounted on a vehicle is transmitted to an information center which provides a service based on the vehicle information, wherein the unit mounted on the vehicle comprises:

transmission means for receiving from said information center a vehicle information specification according to said service to be provided;

operation input means for inputting a selected specification of the vehicle information to be transmitted to said information center, based on said received vehicle information specification;

means for storing the selected specification of the vehicle information inputted; and

means for storing the vehicle information relating to conditions of the vehicle, based on said selected specification of the vehicle information;

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wherein said transmission means transmits the stored vehicle information to said information center.

Claim 14. (New) The vehicle information collection system according to Claim 14, wherein a time period during which the vehicle information collected by the unit mounted on the vehicle is transmitted is determined either by an operation of direction means provided with the vehicle mounted unit or by the vehicle's having reached a point which meets a predetermined condition.

Claim 15. (New) The vehicle information collection system according to claim 14, wherein when the selected specification of the vehicle information has been selected, charges or discount rates thereof are displayed at the vehicle mounted unit and the charges or the discount rates thereof are adjusted according to setting operation of the selected specification of the vehicle.

Claim 16. (New) A vehicle mounted unit for collecting vehicle information to be transmitted to a provider for providing a service based on the collected vehicle information, said vehicle mounted unit comprising:

transmission means for receiving from said information center a vehicle information specification according to the service to be provided;

display means for displaying said vehicle information specification;

operation input means for inputting a detailed specification of the vehicle information to be transmitted to said information center, based on said received vehicle information specification;

storing means for storing the detailed specification of the vehicle information inputted; and

recording means for recording vehicle information relating to conditions of a vehicle mounting said unit, based on said stored detailed specification of the vehicle information;

wherein said transmission means transmits the recorded vehicle information to said information center.

Claim 17. (New) The vehicle mounted unit according to Claim 16, further comprising operation means for indicating a time period during which the vehicle information collected by the vehicle mounted unit is transmitted, wherein said recording means records the vehicle information based on an indication from said operation means.

Claim 18. (New) A vehicle information collection method for a vehicle having a unit mounted on the vehicle for collecting vehicle information to be transmitted to an information center for providing a service based on the collected vehicle information, the vehicle information collecting method comprising:

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receiving at said vehicle mounted unit a vehicle information specification dependent on the service to be provided;

storing at said vehicle mounted unit a selected specification of the vehicle information to be transmitted to said information center, based on said received vehicle information specification;

storing vehicle information relating a condition of the vehicle based on the selected specification of the vehicle information; and

transmitting the stored vehicle information to said information center.

Claim 19. (New) The vehicle information collection method according to claim 18, wherein:

charges or discount rates thereof are displayed at said vehicle mounted unit upon selection of the specification of the vehicle information; and

the charges or the discount rates are adjusted according to a setting operation of the selected specification.